

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 821

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rebecca Hilleary as a
2014 Young Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young people who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as outstanding citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy public servant is Rebecca Hilleary, a young woman who has been selected to receive the American Lung Association of Tennessee's 2014 Young Woman of Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, recipients of this coveted award are young women from the Chattanooga area who evidence a great spirit of volunteerism by working with honor, integrity, enthusiasm, generosity, and compassion to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, a young lady who epitomizes the highest ideals of community service, Rebecca "is a loving, caring person who wants to make a real difference in the world; achieving honors for herself is secondary to making this world a better place in which to live"; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Hilleary will soon be the first Tennessee high school student to graduate with an associate degree (Chattanooga State) before graduating from high school (Rhea County High School); sixty-four hours are required for the associate degree, but Rebecca will have earned eighty-five hours by the time of her graduation; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca has maintained a 4.0 GPA with an average well above 99 during her high school years and has been named in the Top Ten of her class all four years; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca has somehow found time to be actively involved with her fellow students at Rhea County High School; she was a cheerleader for four years, led the Fellowship

of Christian Athletes, represented the school at Girls State, and contributed many hours as a peer tutor for several severely handicapped students; and

WHEREAS, a skilled dancer, this Renaissance youth has taught dance to many younger students at the Dayton Christian Ballet; and

WHEREAS, in the community, Rebecca has made great contributions by working weekly with the Ronald McDonald House and the Women's Care Center and participating in Girl Scouts, 4-H, mission trips, and church youth group community service; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca served as the 2013 Distinguished Young Woman of Rhea County; in this important role, she visited every school in the county with a positive-message platform called BE YOUR BEST SELF to encourage students to do their best in academics, nutrition, and ethical behavior; and

WHEREAS, possessing an impeccable work ethic, solid character, and innate leadership skills, Rebecca Hilleary is an outstanding young Tennessean who works with purpose and commitment to make her community and its citizens the very best they can be, and she is fully deserving of the accolades of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Rebecca Hilleary on being honored as a 2014 Young Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.